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SUBJECT: PUBLICITY US DROUGHT ASSISTANCE

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 706, STATE 168905

SUMMARY: US EMERGENCY DROUGHT ASSISTANCE TO GIRM HAS IMPRESSED MAURITANIANS.

1. FRONT PAGE OF NOUAKCHOTT INFORMATION, THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION'S DAILY AND ONLY NEWSPAPER IN TOWN, REPORTED SEPT 7 US DONATION OF 18,000 TONS EMERGENCY FOOD TO MAURITANIA AND "IMPORTANT" CASH CONTRIBUTIONS TO GIRM DROUGHT RELIEF FUND. SIMILAR REPORT WAS CARRIED OVER RADIO MAURITANIA. THE APPEARANCE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWS ON HEELS CHARGE'S LATEST MEETING WITH MINHEALTH, GIRM OVERALL DROUGHT COORDINATOR, IN WHICH THE MINISTER SAID HE HAD RECENTLY BEEN DOING SOME ARITHMATIC AND WAS AMAZED TO FIND US HAD DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY

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CONTRIBUTED ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF ALL DROUGHT RELIEF AID TO

MAURITANIA. MINISTER ALSO APPRECIATIVE FACT THAT 18,000
TONS GRAIN BEING PROVIDED BILATERALLY IN RECOGNITION GIRM
EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCY NEEDS. CHARGE NOTED THERE HAD BEEN
NO ANNOUNCEMENT BY GIRM OF RECENT US GIFT. MINISTER SAID
THAT GOVERNMENT MOST APPRECIATIVE AND HE WOULD SEE THAT RADIO
MAURITANIA AND NOUAKCHOTT INFORMATION CARRIED STORY IMMEDIATELY.

2. WHILE PUBLICITY OF OUR EMERGENCY DROUGHT ASSISTANCE HAS
NOT BEEN EXTENSIVE IN MAURITANIAN MEDIA, LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY
FULLY AWARE OF OUR LOW-PROFILE RESPONSIVENESS TO GIRM REQUESTS
AS WITNESSED BY NUMEROUS OCCASIONS WHEN EMBOFFS HAVE BEEN
SOUGHT OUT BY MAURITANIANS EXPRESSING OFTEN EFFUSIVE
APPRECIATION.

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